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TRUE DEMOCRACY DEMANDS ELECTION OF DEUT-GOVERNOR, DECLARES DR. H. A. STEVENSON

Provincial Member for City Claims Such Election Would
Cost Very Little—Could Be Held in Conjunction With
Municipal Elections—Appointive System Opportunity
For Ignoring Service of People.

That true democracy calls for the election of a lieutenant-governor of the province rather than for the present system of appointment by the Dominion Government was the dictum pronounced by Dr. H. A. Stevenson, M.P., for London, in conversation with The Advertiser last night.

A chance meeting of Dr. Stevenson and a staff reporter led to a discussion of several matters, during the course of which the reporter commented on the death of the Hon. Lionel H. Clarke, lieutenant-governor of Ontario, and casually asked: "Have you any idea of the possible successor of Mr. Clarke, doctor?"

GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENT.
"None whatever," replied Dr. Stevenson. "That, you know, is an appointment made by the Government at Ottawa and concurred in and confirmed by the governor-general. But I am of the opinion that the post should be an elective one, in which the whole electorate of the province should have a say. Such a course would be in line with true democracy."

"But an election of such kind would be an expensive matter," commented the reporter.

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"Not at all," replied Dr. Stevenson. "It could be arranged so that it took place at the same time as the municipal elections and all the additional cost there would be would be the printing of the necessary ballots, which could be placed in the ballot boxes at the same time, each municipality making a report of the result in its jurisdiction to Ottawa, where the final count would be made and the result announced. The governor-general would then confirm the choice of the people, or in event of justifiable cause withhold it, a course which would be to my mind very exceptional."

Number of Good Men.
"There are a number of good men in the province capable in all ways of filling this post, who would, I believe, if given a chance, be quite willing to submit their names to the public, but who under the present system stand out of the line of being given an opportunity of serving their province. I believe also that such a plan would assure the position being filled by a man who would really have the best interests of the province at heart."

Gave His Best to People.
"In saying this I am not intending any reflection on Mr. Clarke, who was a general favorite of the people of Ontario at heart and that he gave them of his best, even to the last. But, with the appointive system in force, there is always the danger of other motives than ways the service of the people entering into the selection made by the authorities at Ottawa."

Farmers Will Have Majority.
Speaking of the general election for the forthcoming general election for the federal house, Dr. Stevenson pronounced himself as quite assured that the present Government will be defeated and that the United Farmers will have a majority in the House. He admitted, however, that the Liberal party would probably have a good representation. "The people of Ontario are tired of the present Government and its ways and will support almost any progressive candidate," he claimed.

STRONG PROTESTS AT CURTAILMENT OF PADRES' VISITS

The Soldier Patients Have
Learned to Appreciate
Spiritual Aid Given.

Veterans of the great war now taking treatment either at Byron Sanatorium or Westminster Hospital are incensed at the action of some of the "big sticks" at Ottawa in curtailing the work of their spiritual advisors, Capt. George E. Pugsley, chaplain of Byron Sanatorium, and Major A. Graham, chaplain of Westminster Hospital.

Records show that for the month of August, six veterans at Byron and Westminster died from disease or injuries directly attributed to the war. Friends of these men state that their death was eased greatly by the close attention and spiritual advice of the padres.

Although the work of the military chaplains merely calls for spiritual aid, great assistance has been rendered by these reverend gentlemen in providing various sports and entertainments, the only enjoyment that the returned boys may participate in, especially the inmates of the Sanatorium, many of whom are in reality enduring a "living death." To take the chaplains away when the men have learned to depend on them, tell them their troubles and ask for assistance at every turn, it is, in the opinion of the friends of the padres, little short of a crime.

There are at present two hundred inmates at Byron Sanatorium and four hundred at Westminster Hospital, and the new ruling of the Government calls for one visit on Sunday to conduct services and one visit to "visiting cases" during the week, these visits will necessarily be merely flying visits on the part of the padres. It will be quite impossible to visit each individual patient, as they are at present, in all the cases in these hospitals are "serious" cases or they would not be there.

The new order calls for the conclusion of the padres' terms at the end of September.

WOODSTOCK MAN KILLED.
Woodstock, Aug. 31.—Allan Morrison, 70, an employee of Hayes Company's factory, was killed this morning. In some manner he was sawing a piece of wood and struck him a heavy blow on the head, fracturing the skull. An in-

MUST CONTROL BUILDINGS IN CITY LIMITS

Many Complaints Received by
No. 2 Committee of City
Council.

HAVE NO POWER
Committee Will Investigate
Conditions Stated by
the Petitioners.

That the council must adopt some method of controlling the type of houses and other buildings erected in this city is the opinion of Ald. G. B. Drake. The question was discussed at some length at a meeting of No. 2 committee of the city council on Tuesday night. Petitions are continually being received by the committee from different sections of the city, where the citizens object to the erection of certain types of houses which they believe will prove detrimental to other property on the same street. The committee on Wednesday night was called upon to deal with two such petitions.

Can Do Nothing.
While the majority of the members believed that something should be done to protect property holders, they discovered that they could do nothing. Building Inspector Piper informed the committee that the city had no power to restrict building outside of the fire limit.

"There are certain restricted areas," he said, "but the value and the class of buildings erected is only controlled by clauses contained in the deeds. Any person selling a piece of property must stipulate the value of the building which at any time be erected upon it."
"Something must be done then," said Ald. Drake. "If necessary, we must include the whole city in the fire limits." "That would include all frame houses," replied the building inspector.
"Well, we couldn't do that," Ald. Drake said. "We must do something that would make it harder for a workman to build homes. Something must be done, however."

The residents of Emery street in the vicinity of Ridout street, presented a largely signed petition before No. 2 committee, protesting against the moving of what they termed a shack to a lot on the street. They believed it would lower the value of the surrounding property. Because the committee believes that it perhaps will prove unfair to the residents of that street, they will inspect the building in a body this afternoon, to see what action, if any, can be taken.

A lumber yard, on Horton street, between Clarence and Richmond streets, will also be inspected because of complaints made by the people of that district.

U. S. DIRIGIBLE IS DESTROYED

Explosion of Gasoline Tanks
Causes Loss of Naval
Balloon and Hangar.

New York, N. Y., Aug. 31.—Dirigible Balloon D-6 and its hangar were destroyed by fire at the Rockaway Point naval air station today. An explosion of gasoline tanks within the hangar caused the fire. There were no casualties.

AUDITOR'S REPORT ON L. AND P. S. FOR 18 MONTHS

Shows Net Surplus of \$65,212—Net Income Was \$121,131.

The auditors' report for the London and Port Stanley Railway for a period of 18 months, ending December 31, 1920, is in the hands of City Clerk S. Baker, and shows a net surplus of \$65,212.62. The report shows the gross earnings of the company during the period covered to be \$955,085.73, with a net income of \$121,131.19.

During 1920 the surplus from operation of the road amounted to \$84,307.32, in contrast to \$184,825.50 for 1919-20. Earnings from passenger traffic totalled \$418,335.14 for the 18 months, while freight revenue aggregated \$314,064.82. During the same period the revenue derived from the bathhouse, cafeteria, tea-house, incline railway and other concessions at Port Stanley amounted to \$129,869.30, bringing the total earnings of the railway up to \$955,085.73.

The sum of \$61,883.85 was required for total maintenance of way in the 18 months, while \$44,066.71 was expended on maintenance of equipment. The total operating expenses were \$719,392.90. Assets of the company are valued at \$1,444,362.34, which \$294,348.82 is allotted to property. Liabilities aggregate \$1,042,331.49, plus \$25,000 insurance reserve.

Rolling stock of the company comprises 35 vehicles, of which eleven are electric driven. There are 17 passenger coaches, with seven equipped with motors, four freight cars, one express car, one baggage car, two work cars, three flat cars, one snowplow, three locomotives, and three cabooses.

The mileage of the road, including sidings, is estimated at 44.9 miles, and the report states that there are 229 employees on the railways and concessions at Port Stanley, with salaries estimated at \$248,609.26. The report says: "It will be noted that the advances of the railway commission on construction from revenue pending the authority of the Government for the issue of debentures amount to \$264,382.82, while the available surplus is \$161,825.50."

Andrew Dale and A. S. Searson are the auditors who made the report.

THE HOME BEAUTIFUL



This picture, taken at random from amongst the many houses in London where the owners have exercised their ideals in floral beautification, is that of the home of a workman. It is located on Wharncliffe road north. A special feature is the two flower beds set in the street boulevard.

Park Benches World's Greatest University ---Seat of Philosophy

Bubbling Fountains, Chattering Squirrels, Whispering
Leaves and Creaking Benches Hint at Many Mysteries
---More Real Thinking Done On Park Seats Than in
University Chairs.

Dog days and a temperature too hot to think of the average human to vagaries of thought or mental vagabondage. If wishes were horses and fantasies were aeroplanes, nearly everybody would ride back to the open country or the lakeside for a second vacation period. But the economic organization of things, the "practical system," as the Socialists call it, demands at least a semblance of steady application to the job in hand. The job in hand of the writer at the beginning of this story being nothing much more or less than a typewriter until press time, then, Hon. Drake, who is well acquainted with park benches from one end of the country to the other, say that a park bench is the greatest chair of philosophy in or out of the universities, not even excepting metaphysical Harvard, paternalistic sociological Chicago, or abstract Kantian Queens.

People Learn To Think.
To begin with, far more people learn to think on park benches than in the shadows of all the universities in the world. The park bench is the free-and-easy, happy-go-lucky, rich-man-poor-man-beggar man-thief, everybody's and anybody's university.

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Philosophical Mysteries.
But the park is not so far away, and when you arrive there the bubbling fountain, the chattering squirrels, the whispering leaves, and the creaking green slats in the park benches hint at many things of deep philosophical mystery they are waiting to tell you. Did you ever associate philosophy with a park bench, for instance? Well, some people who are well acquainted with park benches from one end of the country to the other, say that a park bench is the greatest chair of philosophy in or out of the universities, not even excepting metaphysical Harvard, paternalistic sociological Chicago, or abstract Kantian Queens.

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ASSESS AND COLLECT TAX IN SAME YEAR, SUGGESTS RICHTER

Will Lay Proposition Before Municipal Convention—Minimum Income Tax of \$.5 and Assessment of Profits
Also Proposed.

Important business for the Ontario Municipal Association is at Toronto today, will be introduced by J. G. Richter of this city, a member of the local assessment department. One recommendation of ex-Ald. Richter is that income assessment be made and the tax collected the same year, instead of assessing one year for payment the next. This step is recommended to avoid confusion in collection of municipal income tax.

Minimum Income Tax.
A second recommendation is that all persons paying income tax on assessment of less than \$100, be compelled to pay a minimum of \$.5. This idea is favored by City Treasurer James Bell, who points out that many citizens not earning sufficient income to pay tax, are assessed \$5 statute labor tax, while others earning a small sum in excess of the exempted income and pay as low as \$1 income tax, while the former citizens who earn less pay \$5. By making a \$5 minimum income tax the city treasurer claims that unfairness will be eliminated.

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